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NOTE FOR: DDCI

1. The Working Group has carried the preparation of a DCID as far as it can at this stage. We are now holding pending results of a study of the Strategic Warning Staff, the findings of which should be incorporated in DCID language. The Director also told me today that he was inclined to assign us the crisis management responsibility along the lines that you, [redacted] and I discussed. If so, the language will also have to be amended accordingly.

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2. The study of the SWS (T/Rs attached) is to be completed by 15 December. A bright Commander from DIA is chairing it. Dick Kerr, DD/ORPA, is the CIA representative.

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Attachments

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DRAFT OUTLINE FOR SWS OVERVIEW

I. Role of the SWS. Is it:

- A. Managerial...policy/process/coordination?
- B. Substantive?
 - 1. "Big W" or "Little W" or both?
 - 2. Military or political/economic or both?
 - 3. Long-term or current or both?
- C. Managerial and substantive?
- D. None?

Note: The discussion in Section I should address the possible relationship between SWS and a future operational WISP. (One could envisage a need for a "national" node in such a system.) Should any final decision on SWS be postponed until WISP is further along? If so, what should be the interim role of SWS? It should also address the relationship of the SWS to any staff support established for NIO/W and/or the Warning Working Group.

II. Once their role is established, how should their warning function be defined, assuming they have one?

III. Where in the National Warning System do they fit?

- A. Under NIO/W?
- B. Under Warning Working Group?
- C. Other?

IV. What should be the relationship of SWS and the NIO/USSR-EE, NIO/SP, NIO/CF, NITO/Warning and crisis management (and perhaps others)?

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V. Alternatives and recommendations to include:

- A. Staffing implications
- B. Location alternatives
- C. Cost considerations

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